

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system (1) for collecting blood for analytical or diagnostic purposes, comprising:

a housing (3) with an exit opening (4) for the lancet tip of the lancet needle of a lancet (5) that ~~can be~~ is moved in the housing (3) along a predetermined puncturing path,

a lancet guide ~~by means of which~~ guides the lancet (5) ~~can be guided~~ along the predetermined puncturing path,

a lancet drive (8) ~~by means of which~~ drives the lancet (5) ~~can be driven and moved~~ along the predetermined puncturing path in the puncturing direction until its tip, being ~~is~~ in a puncturing position, ~~exits from the exit opening (4), and~~

a lancet storage container (6) ~~that is~~ arranged in the housing (3) and in which a plurality of lancets (5) ~~is kept in store~~ stored at a removal position for removal from the lancet storage container (6),

~~characterized in that~~

~~it comprises~~ a lancet tip protective element (13), into which the lancet tip can be inserted before or after a puncturing motion, whereby the protective element (13) mechanically and hygienically protects a lancet tip that is inserted therein, and

~~in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) ~~is~~ being arranged on the lancet tip in a parking position of the lancets (5), ~~whereby the parking position does not coincide coinciding~~ with the removal position ~~and or~~ the puncturing position.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system ~~according to of~~ claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) and the parking position are arranged ~~in the immediate vicinity of~~ proximate the exit opening (4).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein~~ ~~characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) ~~is arranged~~ stationary in the housing (4).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) ~~can~~ is adapted to be driven onto the lancet tip ~~by means of a drive.~~
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that~~ the lancet (5) can be driven by ~~means of the lancet drive~~ into the parking position, in which the lancet tip is situated in the lancet tip protective element-(3).
6. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising characterized in that~~ it comprises a holding facility (19) for holding the lancet (5) in the parking position.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) is arranged such that the lancet tip can be inserted into the lancet tip protective element (13) by a motion that proceeds parallel to the puncturing motion.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) is arranged in the lancet storage container-(6).
9. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) comprises an elastic material (15) into which the lancet tip can be inserted.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the lancet tip

protective element (13) comprises a sterilizing, microbicidal, inactivating, disinfecting, bactericidal or fungicidal material for cleaning or protecting the lancet tip.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the elastic material (15) ~~is designed according to~~ claim 10 comprises a sterilizing, microbicidal, inactivating, disinfecting, bactericidal or fungicidal material for cleaning or protecting the lancet tip.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the elastic material (15) comprises a cover (21) made of an absorbent material.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein~~ characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) ~~or the elastic material (15)~~ is replaceable.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein~~ characterized in that it is designed such that a lancet (5) can be used repeatedly multiply to collect multiple blood samples and can be driven into the lancet tip protective element (13) between puncturing motions.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising~~ characterized in that it comprises operating elements the user can use to set whether a new lancet (5) from the lancet storage container (6) or a lancet (5) from the parking position in the lancet tip protective element (13) that was used previously for taking a blood sample is used for the subsequent blood taking process.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The-Blood~~ blood withdrawal system of claim 1 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising~~ characterized in that it

~~comprises a test element cartridge (17) that is integrated into the blood collection system, preferably is arranged inside the housing (3).~~

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A Blood~~ blood analysis device (2), ~~in particular portable, mobile blood analysis device, characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising a blood withdrawal system (1) according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 16.~~

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A Method~~ method for ~~taking~~ drawing a blood sample with a blood withdrawal system (1) ~~for analytical or diagnostic purposes, whereby the blood withdrawal system comprises~~ comprising a housing (3) with an exit opening (4) for the lancet tip of the lancet needle of a lancet (5) that is moved in the housing (3) along a predetermined puncturing path; ~~and comprises a lancet guide by means of which guides the lancet (5) is guided along the predetermined puncturing path, comprises a lancet drive (8) by means of which drives the lancet (5) is driven and moved along the predetermined puncturing path in the puncturing direction until its tip, being in a puncturing position, exits from the exit opening (4), and comprises a lancet storage container (6) that is arranged in the housing (3) and in which a plurality of lancets (5) is kept in stored at a removal position for removal from the lancet storage container (6), characterized in that the method comprising, the lancet tip is inserted~~ inserting the lancet tip into a lancet tip protective element (13) before or after a puncturing motion, whereby the protective element (13) mechanically and hygienically protects a lancet tip that is inserted therein, and ~~in that arranging the lancet tip protective element (13) is arranged on the lancet tip in a parking position of the lancets (5), whereby the parking position does not coincide with the removal position and the puncturing position.~~

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of ~~according to claim 18, wherein characterized in that the lancet tip protective element (13) and the parking position are arranged in the immediate vicinity of~~ proximate the exit opening (4).

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) ~~is arranged stationary in the housing (4).~~

21. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising driving characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) ~~is driven onto the lancet tip by means of a drive.~~

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising driving characterized in that~~ the lancet (5) ~~is driven by means of the lancet drive into the parking position, in which the lancet tip is situated in the lancet tip protective element (13).~~

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising holding characterized in that~~ the lancet (5) ~~is held in the parking position by means of a holding facility (19).~~

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising arranging characterized in that~~ the lancet tip protective element (13) ~~is arranged such that the lancet tip is inserted into the lancet tip protective element (13) by a motion that proceeds parallel to the puncturing motion.~~

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18 ~~according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising transporting characterized in that it comprises a procedural step, in which a lancet (5) that was used to perform a puncturing motion is transported back to the lancet storage container (6).~~

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of ~~according to claim 25, characterized in that~~ further comprising inserting the used lancet (5), into a lancet tip protective element before ~~being transported~~ transporting it back to the lancet storage container (6) and ~~being placing it in the parking position, is inserted into a lancet tip protective element (13).~~

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18 according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising replacing ~~characterized in that it comprises a procedural step, in which the lancet storage container (6) is replaced.~~

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The Method~~ method of claim 18, wherein according to any one of the preceding claims, ~~characterized in that~~ a lancet is used ~~multiply~~ to take a multiple blood sample samples and is driven into the lancet tip protective element (13) between the puncturing motions.